

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 24, 2004

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR FUNDING OF SEVEN COUNTY SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve submission of grant applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding totaling \$1,246,770 for seven county Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) projects as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Funding Request</u>
Poplar Avenue Sidewalk	Fontana	\$ 92, 700
Sierra Pines Sidewalk	Mentone	\$342,000
Maple Lane	Sugarloaf	\$155,250
Howard Street Sidewalk	Montclair	\$ 92,700
Alder/Santa Ana Sidewalk	Bloomington	\$342,450
Active Radar Speed Signs	Countywide	\$104,400
Connecting Trail	Wrightwood	<u>\$117,270</u>
	Total	\$1,246,770

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Senate Bill 10 (SB10) provides for the use of Federal Transportation funds administered by Caltrans, for construction of projects including bicycle lanes and projects for pedestrian safety. This program (SR2S) encourages efforts to enable students to safely walk or bicycle to and from school and to reduce the potential for injuries and fatalities by making those routes safe. Counties and Cities throughout California compete for available funding. Selection for funding depends on the ability of the participants to develop a comprehensive and unified approach to improving the safety of pedestrian/bicycle routes to and from schools. Funding available for the SR2S Call for Projects is estimated at \$20 million per year. The maximum Federal reimbursement amount per project is \$500,000. The Department staff is proposing a submittal of seven applications with support from Big Bear Unified School District, Chino Valley Unified School District, Colton Joint Unified School District, Fontana Unified School District, Redlands Unified School District, Rim of the World Unified School District, Ontario-Montclair School District, Snowline Joint Unified School District and local divisions of the California Highway Patrol.

If the County projects compete successfully, 90 percent of these estimated County project costs will be reimbursable through the SR2S program. Approval of the grant applications require a ten percent local match funding. The deadline to submit the projects to Caltrans is February 27, 2004.

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Submittal of applications will not guarantee allocation of funds. Should any or all projects compete successfully, separate items(s) will be presented to the Board for approval to enter into a funding agreement with Caltrans. A list of the seven proposed SR2S projects is attached.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico (387-5481) on February 5, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst 387-4635) on February 17, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost of these seven projects is estimated at \$1,385,300. SR2S funds would finance \$1,246,770 of this cost. Six projects would utilize local match component funds of \$125,500 paid out of the Department's Road Operations (SAA-TRA-TRA). The Wrightwood Trail Project, if awarded funds would subsequently require a MOU between the Department of Public Works and Special Districts as the project local match funds may not be awarded from Gas Tax; the project is not on a County Maintained System road. Special Districts, through a MOU, may elect to pay the local match of \$13,030 subject to Board approval.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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